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OTIS HOUSE AT FAIRVIEW-RIVERSIDE STATE PARK REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC

Otis House, located on the grounds of Fairview-Riverside State Park, is reopening to the public Saturday, Sept. 24. The building closed in October 2010 for scheduled repairs and renovations.

Renovations include a lead abatement treatment, new historically-accurate exterior paint along with repairs to the porch areas which were damaged by strong storms the past few years.

Otis House, originally built in the 1880s, was the family home for sawmill owner William Theodore Jay. It was later purchased and renovated in the 1930s by Frank Otis, serving as his summer home until his death in 1962. Mr. Otis left the property to the State of Louisiana to be developed into a recreational site for visitors. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

Fairview-Riverside State Park features 81 campsites, excellent fishing, canoeing and picnicking. For more information, visit www.LaStateParks.com or call 1.888.677.3247 toll free or 985.792.4652 locally.

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